



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

Jackson Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, MI

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Jackson Brownfield Redevelopment Authority was selected to receive a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. Located along the Grand River in southern Michigan, the City of Jackson (population 36,316) has a long history of manufacturing dating back to the late 1800s. Industries were drawn to the Grand River for water power and transportation. In the mid-1900s, Jackson was home to more than 25 automobile manufacturing companies. Although manufacturing still is the largest employment sector, many manufacturing jobs have disappeared. During



Revolving Loan Fund Grant



\$600,000 for hazardous substances

\$400,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Jackson Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which the City of Jackson Brownfield Redevelopment Authority will provide loans and subgrants to support cleanup activities for sites contaminated with petroleum and hazardous substances. Grant funds will be used for marketing, management, and oversight of the program.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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2006, the unemployment rate in Jackson ranged from nine to 11.6 percent. Nearly 20 percent of the population lives below the poverty level. The decline in manufacturing has left a legacy of abandoned, underused, and contaminated properties, many along

the Grand River. These sites have had a negative impact on the city's groundwater supply and tax base. Brownfields cleanups conducted through the RLF grant are expected to reduce contamination along the city's greatest natural resource, the Grand River, and help Jackson leverage funding for redevelopment efforts.